

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects Group IV (claim 1, drawn to a method of treating or reducing the risk of acquiring vaginal dryness). In response to the request for election of specie, applicant elects dehydroepiandrosterone. Claim 1 reads on the elected specie, and has been amended to recite only the specific medical condition of elected restriction Group IV.

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